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tered in the form of its crystalline citrate $C_{10}H_{21}N_3O_6 \cdot C_6H_8O_7$ esp. to control human filariasis and large roundworms in dogs and cats

di-ethyl ether \di-ē-thəl- n (ca. 1930): ETHER 3a

di-ethylstilbestrol \-stil-bes-trōl, -trōl n [ISV] (1938): a colorless crystalline synthetic compound $C_{18}H_{20}O_2$ used as a potent estrogen but contraindicated in pregnancy for its tendency to cause cancer or birth defects in offspring — called also *stilbestrol*

di-ethyl zinc n (1952): a volatile pyrophoric liquid organometallic compound $C_4H_{10}Zn$ used esp. to catalyze polymerization reactions and to decalcify paper

di-e-ti-tian or **di-e-ti-cian** \di-ē-ti-shən n [dietitian irreg. fr. *diet* + *-ician*] (ca. 1846): a specialist in dietetics

diff-er \di-fər vi **diff-erred**; **diff-er-ing** \-fə-rɪŋ [ME, fr. MF or L; MF *differe* to postpone, be different, fr. L *differe*, fr. *dis* + *ferre* to carry — more at BEAR] (14c) 1 a: to be unlike or distinct in nature, form, or characteristics (the law of one state ~s from that of another) b: to change from time to time or from one instance to another: VARY (the number of cookies in a box may ~) 2: to be of unlike or opposite opinion: DISAGREE (they ~ on religious matters)

diff-er-ence \di-fə-rəns, -rəns n (14c) 1 a: the quality or state of being different b: an instance of differing in nature, form, or quality c: *archaic*: a characteristic that distinguishes one from another or from the average d: the element or factor that separates or distinguishes contrasting situations 2: distinction or discrimination in preference 3 a: disagreement in opinion: DISSENSION b: an instance or cause of disagreement 4: the degree or amount by which things differ in quantity or measure; *specif*: REMAINDER 2b(1) 5: a significant change in or effect on a situation

diff-er-ence vi **-enced**; **-enc-ing** (1576): DIFFERENTIATE, DISTINGUISH

diff-er-ent \di-fə-rənt, -rənt adj [MF, fr. L *different*, *differe*ns, pp. of *differe*] (14c) 1: partly or totally unlike in nature, form, or quality: DISSIMILAR (could hardly be more ~) — often followed by *from*, *than*, or *chiefly* Brit. to (small, neat hand, very ~ from the captain's tottery characters — R. L. Stevenson) (vastly ~ in size than it was twenty-five years ago — N. M. Pusey) (a very ~ situation to the ~ one under which we live — Sir Winston Churchill) 2: not the same as: *esp*: DISTINCT (~ age groups) b: VARIOUS (~ members of the class) c: ANOTHER (switched to a ~ TV program) 3: UNUSUAL SPECIAL (she was ~ and superior) — **diff-er-ent-ness** n

diff-er-ent n (1704): DIFFERENTLY

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